Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 03 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 04 Aug 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 02 Aug 2023 at 15:50 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday and Friday. Low for extent of any persistent rain on Saturday. High for changeable conditions from Sunday onwards

Headline for Thursday 03 Aug 2023: Mainly dry with some brightness, southern Cairngorms staying cloudy

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 03 Aug 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Dull	Dull	Dull	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	30%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%

Forecast for Thursday 03 Aug 2023

Weather: The southern Cairngorms will see a lot of cloud through the day along with the odd light shower. Elsewhere after a dull start cloud will lift and break through the morning to leave a mainly dry and bright afternoon. Chance of a shower developing.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%, best chance in the south of the area

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor extensive low cloud throughout the day down to 500 to 800 metres at first, this becoming confined to the southern Cairngorms by the end of the morning. Cloud above the summits with good visibility elsewhere by afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	21/26 N	22/26 N	23/28 NW	18/24 NW	19/26 NW	21/28 NW	21/27 NW	21/27 NW	16/22 N
900	15/20 N	15/20 N	16/21 NW	14/19 NW	16/22 NW	16/23 NW	16/22 NW	15/21 NW	11/17 N
600	9/15 NW	9/15 NW	10/17 NW	10/16 NW	12/20 NW	12/20 NW	11/19 NW	10/19 NW	8/16 NW
300	6/15 NW	6/15 NW	9/18 NW	11/22 NW	12/24 NW	11/22 NW	9/19 NW	9/19 NW	8/17 NW
Glen	4/13 NW	5/13 NW	8/17 NW	12/24 NW	13/25 NW	11/22 NW	10/20 NW	9/19 NW	7/15 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	7/2	7/2	7/2	7/2	8/3	8/4	7/3	6/2	5/1
900	8/5	8/5	8/5	9/6	10/6	10/7	9/6	8/5	7/4
600	10/8	10/8	10/8	10/8	12/9	12/9	11/9	10/7	9/7
300	12/11	12/11	12/10	13/12	15/13	15/13	14/12	12/11	11/10
Glen	12/12	13/12	13/12	14/12	16/13	16/14	15/13	13/12	12/11
Freezing Level*	2100m	2300m	2400m	2400m	2400m	2400m	2300m	2400m	2300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Cold, strong northwesterly summit winds will lead to notable wind chill, and combined with low cloud across the southern Cairngorms will make for slow progress here.

Forecast for Friday 04 Aug 2023

Weather: A cloudy start with some patchy light rain. Becoming brighter through the morning to leave a largely dry afternoon with some sunny intervals and only a brief passing shower.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly average speeds of 15 mph with gusts to 25 mph on the higher tops at first, easing by afternoon

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%, best chance in the afternoon

Low Cloud and visibility: Patchy cloud down to 700 metres at first across the north of the area, otherwise cloud will be above the summits with good visibility

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 9 rising to 18 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 9 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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